Construction of express way in Maharashtra

1844. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified twelve express way alignments to be developed by private sector banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of those located in Maharashtra; and

(d) what has been the response of private sectors so far as construction of roads is concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Salvage operations of M. V. Green Opal

1845. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3046 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th July,,1998 and state:

(a) the status of the salvage operations of the sunken ship M. V. Green Opal;

(b) whether there is any change in the target date of completion of the operations; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor indicating specifically whether they were foreseen or unforeseen?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The Salvage Firm M/s. Tsavliris Russ has not been able to salvage the sunken ship as yet. At present they are engaged in endeavours to lift the rear portion of the sunken ship for towing it to the designated beach nearby. The entire cargo of the ship was, however, lifted before the last monsoon.

(b) The target date of completion of entire operation is 31.12.1998. The Firm has not approached the Calcutta Port Trust for amending the date for completion of the operations.

(c) Does not arise.

डीजल पर उपकर लगाया जाना

1846. **श्री डी.पी. यादव** : क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार सड़क परियोजनाओं के लिए अतिरिक्त धन जुटाने हेतु डीजल पर उपकर लगाने पर विचार कर रही हैं, और

(ख) क्या सड़क परियोजनाओं में निजी क्षेत्र के निवेश को बढ़ावा देने हेतु कोई योजना तैयार की जा रही हैं, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (डा. देवेन्द्र प्रधान) : (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) जी हां। निर्माण प्रचालन और हस्तान्तरण(बी ओ टी) स्कीम के तहत सड़क परियोजनाओं के लिए गैर सरकारी क्षेत्र से निधियां आकर्षित करने के बारे में मार्गनिर्देश जारी किए जा चुके हैं।

Amount spent on the maintenance of NH-55

1847. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditures incurred to keep NH-55 transportworthy during 1995—98, year-wise;

(b) the details of money allocated this year to restore this Highway; and

(c) the details of the authorities who are responsible to look after regular maintenance of this Highway?